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Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97 within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of U.S. patent No. 4,464,606, which was cited in the International Preliminary Examination as being closest to representing the prior art of the above-referenced application. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination report is also included herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

If this matter could be expedited by consultation with Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number listed below.

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